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Sir:

In response to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION issued February 4, 2002, a copy of which is enclosed with this reply, Applicants submit herewith an executed DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY-PATENT APPLICATION.

Enclosed is a check for \$130.00 for the late filing of the executed declaration.

Please charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment in connection with this request, to

Applicants' undersigned counsel's deposit account 10-0435 with reference to matter no. 29385-68773. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for favorable consideration, culminating in allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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